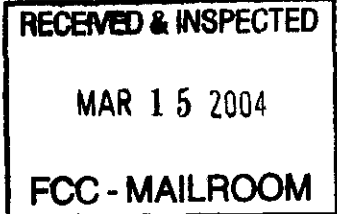


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Commission's Secretary  
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Re: WT Docket No. 01-309

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the petitions filed by parties requesting the Commission to reconsider the Report and Order that modified the exemption for wireless phones under the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1998. I feel strongly that the rule should not be dropped or modified.

The FCC rules requires digital phone manufacturers and service providers to take steps to reduce the amount of interference emitted from digital wireless phones and to provide the internal capability for telecoil coupling. I urge you to keep the rule in tact so that people like me, who use hearing aids, can have access to digital wireless phones.

Because I have a hearing loss and use digital hearing aids these requirements a necessity for me to function in my work and personal life. It has become increasingly difficult to find or afford analog service. Pay phones are either out of order or disappearing completely and I have not been successful in finding a digital mobile phone that I can use successfully with my regular hearing aid setting or with my telecoil. If this rule is retained and the industry conforms to it, I will be able to continue to include cell phones in my work and everyday life.

It should also be pointed out that being able to test the phone before purchase s also very important. No two persons, even with technically the same hearing loss, perceives sound the same. As it stands now, you most often have to buy the service and phone before trying it and, if the phone isn't satisfactory, one either has to break the contract or return the phone at financial loss.

The 50% requirement is reasonable, both for me to have choices and to not be a burden on the manufacturers. Please do not reduce the percentage requirement.

Thank you for listening to me and please retain the rule.

Sincerely



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